

### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 8

999 18th STREET - SUITE 500 DENVER, COLORADO 80202-2466 August 19, 2004

Ref: 8ENF-W

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Sublette County Commissioner c/o Gordon Johnston, Chair PO Box 250 Pinedale, Wyoming 82941

Re: Notice of Safe Drinking Water Act Enforcement

Action concerning Camp New Fork

PWS ID #WY5600564

**Dear County Commissioners:** 

Pursuant to Section 1414(a)(2)(B) of the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to notify an appropriate locally elected official of any action taken in a State that does not have primary enforcement authority for public water systems. The State of Wyoming does not have primary enforcement authority for public water systems under the SDWA.

An Administrative Order is being issued under Section 1414 of the SDWA to the Trapper Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America, as owner and/or operator of the public water system at Camp New Fork, located in Sublette County, WY. This Order requires that the public water system take measures to return to compliance with the SDWA and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs). The system is in violation of 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.23(d), 141.201, 141.31(b) for: failure to monitor for nitrate; failure to provide public notice of the violations; and failure to report NPDWR violations to EPA within 48 hours.

A copy of the Order is enclosed for your information. The Order does not require any response or action by the County Commission. If you have any questions regarding this Order, please contact Jackson Naftel at (303) 312-6362.

Sincerely,

# **SIGNED**

Diane L. Sipe, Director Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

Enclosure



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CERTIFIED MAIL 7003 2260 0001 7779 0889 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Chris H. Schultz 1425 Dewar Drive Suite 16 and 17 Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901

Re: Administrative Order

Docket No. SDWA-08-2004-0042

Camp New Fork

PWS ID #WY5600564

Dear Mr. Schultz:

Enclosed you will find an Administrative Order (Order), which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. Section 300f et seq. and its implementing regulations. Among other things, the Administrative Order finds that the Trapper Trails Council is a supplier of water as defined by the SDWA and has violated the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs) at 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.23(d), 141.201, 141.31(b) for: failure to monitor for nitrate; failure to provide public notice of the violations; and failure to report NPDWR violations to EPA within 48 hours.

If the Trapper Trails Council complies with the enclosed Order for a period of at least 24 months, EPA may choose to close the Order. Violating the enclosed Order may lead to (1) a penalty of up to \$32,500 per day of violation of the Order, (2) a separate such penalty for violating the regulations themselves, and/or (3) a court injunction ordering the Trapper Trails Council to comply.

Among other things, the Order calls for you to provide a public notification for certain monitoring requirements that were not met. For your convenience, we have enclosed some template forms to assist you in providing the required public notice. If you have any questions or comments concerning the form of the public notice, please do not hesitate to contact Jackson Naftel of EPA, whose telephone number is provided below.

Also enclosed is a Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) Section 22 information sheet. The SBREFA sheet notifies small businesses of their right to comment on regulatory enforcement activities and provides information on compliance assistance. Dissemination of this information sheet does not constitute an admission or determination by EPA that the business, organization or governmental jurisdiction is a small entity as defined by SBREFA.

Please note that the effective date of the enclosed Order is the date of issuance. Within the next 10 days, please provide EPA with any new information that you believe the Agency is not aware of relating to the alleged violations in the Order. The information can be sent to Jackson Naftel at the address on the letterhead, include the mailcode 8ENF-W, or you may call Mr. Naftel at (303) 312-6362. If you wish to have an informal conference with EPA, you may also call or write Mr. Naftel. If you are represented by an attorney please feel free to have your attorney call Peggy Livingston at (303) 312-6858.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

### **SIGNED**

Diane L. Sipe, Director Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

### **Enclosures**

Order SBREFA Public Notice Template

cc: Larry Robinson, WY DEQ
Dr. Karl Musgrave, WDH
Bill Wangsgard, Trapper Trails Council
Jason Eborn, Camp New Fork
Craig Trulock, Pinedale Ranger District

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

IN THE MATTER OF	
Trapper Trails Council	, )
Cora, Wyoming	)
	)
Respondent	)
	) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Proceedings under Section 1414(g)	)
of the Safe Drinking Water Act,	)
42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g)	) Docket No. <b>SDWA-08-2004-0042</b>
	_)

The following Findings are made and Order issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by Section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (the Act or SDWA), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), and its implementing regulations, as properly delegated to the Supervisors of the Technical and Legal Enforcement Programs of the Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice, EPA Region 8.

### **FINDINGS**

- 1. Trapper Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America (Respondent) is a corporation and therefore a "person" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.
- 2. Respondent owns and/or operates a system, Camp New Fork Water System (the System), located in Cora, Wyoming for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption.
- 3. The System has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year and is therefore a "public water

- system" within the meaning of Section 1401(4) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(4), and a "non-community water system" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.
- 4. Respondent owns and/or operates a public water system and is therefore a "supplier of water" within the meaning of Section 1401(5) of the Act, 42 U.S.C.
  § 300f(5) and 40 C.F.R. § 141.2. Respondent is therefore subject to the requirements of Part B of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g et seq., and its implementing regulations, 40 C.F.R. Part 141.
- 5. According to a July 28, 1999 sanitary survey by an agent for EPA, the System is supplied solely by ground water consisting of one well. The System serves approximately 25 persons daily, during its annual operational season, from June 15 through August 15, through 29 service connections.

# FINDINGS OF VIOLATION

I.

- 1. 40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d) requires public water systems to monitor their water annually for nitrate to determine compliance with the nitrate maximum contaminant level (MCL) as stated in 40 C.F.R. § 141.62.
- 2. Respondent failed to monitor for nitrate in 2001 and 2003, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d).

II.

1. 40 C.F.R. § 141.201 requires owners and/or operators of public water systems to notify the public of any national primary drinking water regulation (NPDWR) violations,

including violations of the MCL, maximum residual disinfection level (MRDL), treatment technique (TT), monitoring requirements, and testing procedures in 40 C.F.R. Part 141.

2. Respondent has not provided public notice of the noncompliance detailed in the preceding Section I, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 141.201.

III.

- 1. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b) requires that public water systems shall report any failure to comply with the NPDWRs to EPA within 48 hours.
- 2. Respondent failed to report to EPA within 48 hours the instances of noncompliance described in Findings of Violation Sections I and II, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b).

### ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings, and pursuant to Section 1414(g) of the Act, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, and annually thereafter, Respondent shall comply with the nitrate monitoring requirements as stated in 40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d) to determine compliance with the nitrate MCL appearing at 40 C.F.R. § 141.62(b). Respondent shall report analytical results to EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which sample results are received, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a).
- 2. No later than thirty days from the effective date of this Order, Respondent must provide public notice of the violations specified under the Findings of Violations in this Order to return to compliance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.201, 141.204 and 141.205. Specifically, Respondent must provide public notice of the failure to monitor for nitrate in accordance

with 40 C.F.R. § 141.204. Public Notice must be given by any one of the following two methods: (1) posting the notice in conspicuous locations throughout the distribution system frequented by persons served by the System; (2) by mail or direct delivery to each customer and service connection; AND (3) any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons served by the System, if they would not normally be reached by the public notice described in (1) and (2), including publication in a local newspaper or newsletter distributed to customers; use of E-mail to notify employees or students; or, delivery of multiple copies in central locations. Upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall comply with the public notification requirements at 40 C.F.R. § 141.201 et seq. following any future NPDWR violation. Respondent shall submit a copy of the public notice to EPA within 10 days of completion of the public notice, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(d).

- 3. Upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall comply with 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b) by reporting any failure to comply with any NPDWR (40 C.F.R. Part 141) to EPA within 48 hours.
- 4. Reporting requirements specified in this Order shall be provided by certified mail to:

Jackson Naftel
U. S. EPA Region 8 (8ENF-W)
999 18th Street, Suite 300
Denver, Colorado 80202-2466

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 1. This Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 141.1 et seq., or the Act, which remain in full force and effect. Issuance of this Order is not an election by EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action otherwise authorized under the Act.
- 2. Violation of any term of this Order may subject Respondent to an administrative civil penalty of up to \$27,500 under Section 1414(g)(3)(B) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g)(3)(B), or a civil penalty of not more than \$32,500 per day of violation, assessed by a U.S. District Court, under Section 1414(g)(3)(C) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g)(3)(C). (The penalty amounts stated in Section 1414 of the Act have been adjusted for inflation, according to 40 C.F.R. part 19.)
- 3. Violation of any requirement of the SDWA or its implementing regulations may subject Respondent to a civil penalty of not more than \$32,500 per day of violation, assessed by an appropriate U.S. District Court, under Section 1414(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(b).

4. The effective date of this Order shall be the date of issuance of this Order.

Issued this  $19^{TH}$  day of August, 2004.

# David J. Janik

Michael T. Risner, Director
David J. Janik, Supervisory Attorney
Legal Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

# SIGNED

Diane L. Sipe, Director Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

IF YOU WOULD LIKE COPIES OF THE ATTACHMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE REGIONAL HEARING CLERK.

THIS DOCUMENT WAS FILED IN THE RHC'S OFFICE ON AUGUST 19, 2004.